

Sinclair Broadcasting Group is planning to abuse public airwaves and public trust this month, by forcing their stations to air a partisan anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I urge you to at least insist that equal time, 90 minutes be given to the Kerry campaign in return for giving the Bush campaign the gift of a free 1 hour "documentary"/political ad. I urge you to suspend their license if they insist on misusing public airwaves. Thank you.